

BLAZING SHIPS BATTLE AMID BLINDING SNOW

British Fleet Inflicted
Heavy Losses on Foe Off
German Coast.

BLIZZARD HIDES FATE OF VESSELS ATTACKED

Special Correspondence to THE SUN.
LONDON, April 4.—The following is the first detailed description of the sea and air raid recently carried out by the British on the German coast:

"The ships which made the raid had but little promise of the weather for the undertaking, but the onsets which led them to expect rough doings at sea were just such onsets as were calculated to put the enemy into a sense of security. By the time the coast of the enemy were within measurable distance there was a gale on the sea, and the icy blasts which swept out of the northwest bore hail and blinding snow.

"The attackers sailed into a blizzard and with it, and the action in which they soon found themselves was fought under the most difficult conditions that could be encountered at sea. Those conditions account for the collision between two of our destroyers.

"The marvel was that under the conditions which prevailed the attack was any attempt to ascend at all. They defied the elements, however, and went on their mission with an eagerness eloquent of the spirit of the service. That the enemy patrol was well and speedily informed of the approach of the British ships became apparent as soon as our men were within striking distance, and action ensued upon the first glimpse which the opposing squadrons obtained of each other in the blizzard.

"There was provided, then, an opportunity for the naval might of Germany against the British. The storm did not deter the British from the search for the enemy, and the two armed travelers, putting up such a fight as was never before, and very rapidly. They were well fitted patrol vessels, and the term transfer scarcely describes them. They were equipped with the latest armament, and their ability when it came to fighting was not in the least impaired by the weather.

"In the midst of the action, in the blinding darkness, the destroyer Medusa and of the consort came down upon each other in the same bank of snow. Thus, in the stress of the chase and encounter, stirring rescue work was being carried out at various points of the area of action. The two armed travelers, who had been sent to the bottom, and the Medusa, were in the storm the crew of the Medusa were being rescued by the vessel which had been her companion in misfortune.

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Gen. Petain, Hero of Verdun, in His Workshop.

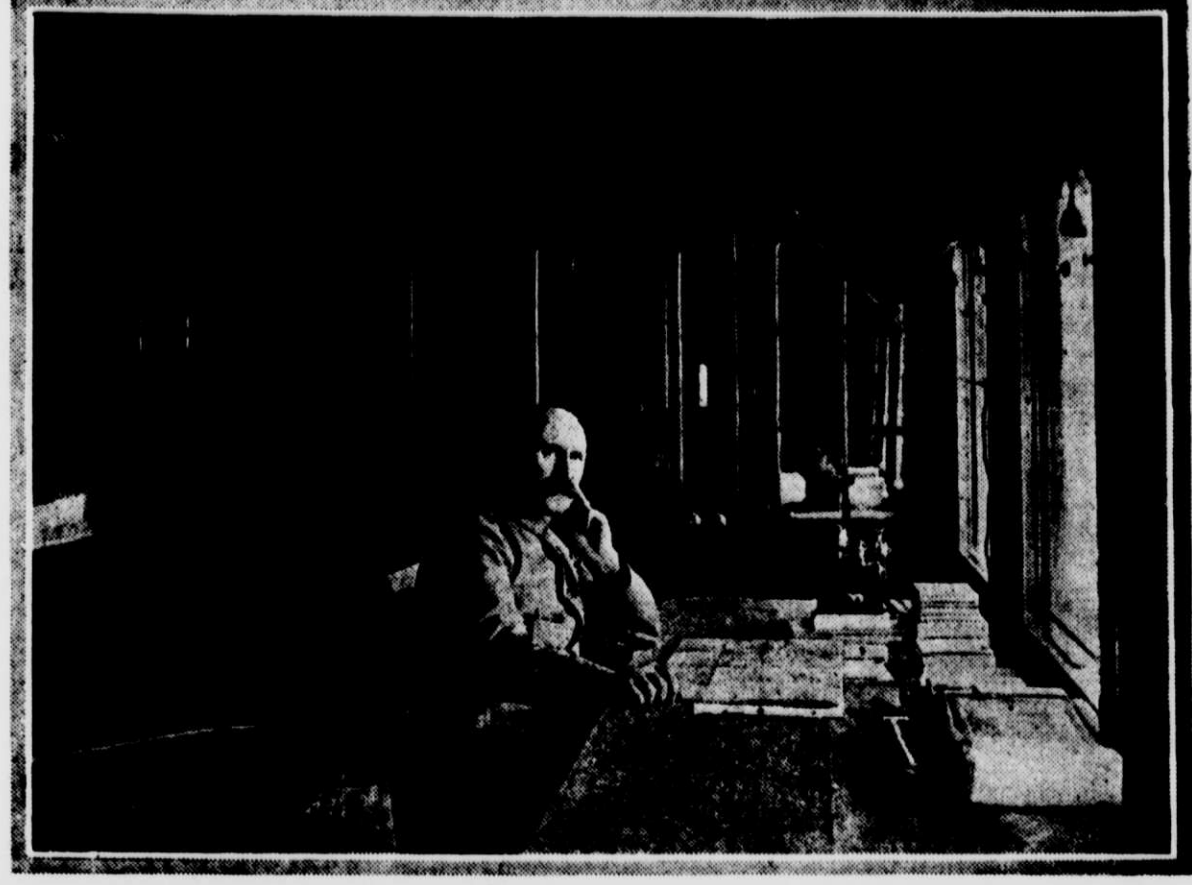


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General Petain, who during the war has risen from a colonel to the position of army commander in charge of operations on the most important section of the front—Verdun—is one of the most active men in the French army, although he will be 60 years old this month.

Indeed it is due in large part to his tremendous energy in visiting personally every part of his line and attending personally to the mass of details that he has risen more rapidly than any other officer during the war.

In his armored motor car, equipped with rapid fire guns, he dashed about from one section of the front to another at the opening of the long battle of Verdun, organizing his forces and keeping their exact position and condition ever before his eyes. He is said to have worn out fourteen drivers in two months by his reckless dashes at high speeds along the front, regardless of German shells and nearly impassable roads.

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TURKS BLAME THEIR ALLIES FOR DEFEATS

Perfect Unity Prevails in Historic Conference of Eight Nations.

ENVER PASHA IS HATED

Special Correspondence to THE SUN.
ROME, March 22.—News has just mysteriously from Turkey, and strangely enough reaches London. The sources of information available here are numerous and naturally it would be unsafe to enumerate them.

"The rule the convenient expression 'neutral diplomatic sources' is used by the initiated to cover both real diplomatic sources. It must be remembered that in Rome are two sets of diplomats, or rather two diplomatic corps, that accredited to the Quirinal and that accredited to the Holy See, and other channels of information, ecclesiastical, political, military and private. The same expression has to be used to explain the origin of the following information, related but substantially accurate, from Turkey.

According to information from 'neutral diplomatic sources' now available here the German headquarters staff at Constantinople is ominously silent about operations in Armenia. The fall of Erzerum was not officially announced, but it was known all the same at Constantinople, where fugitives from the territories occupied by the Russians arrived shortly after Erzerum had fallen. These fugitives say that the Turkish troops in Armenia are so demoralized that the most serious effort to resist would be before coming in contact with the Russians.

Each Blames the Other.

The Turks openly blame the Germans for the Russian successes in Armenia. The Germans, on the other hand, blame the Turks, especially the Generals who disobeyed Marshals von der Goltz and von Sanders and refused to follow their orders, but acted independently, with disastrous results. The Germans are now compelled to enforce their orders and they are striving to raise the morale of the Turkish troops by shooting officers and men at the slightest provocation. The salutary effects of such methods are doubtful since the Turks often retaliate by murdering German officers in isolated places.

All available Turkish troops are now being sent by rail to Angora and Konia, whence two columns are marching eastward to meet the armies retreating from Armenia. As the Turks in their retreat are burning cities, towns and villages, destroying bridges and roads and ravaging the country generally, the Russian troops are abandoning the region and thousands of refugees are arriving at Denizli, Aidin and Smyrna. All Christians, the Greeks especially, have been made to leave the cities and towns which are occupied by the Russians and they have been sent to Asia Minor, where the Moslems are treating them practically as slaves.

Enver Pasha has just returned to Constantinople from Syria, where he was sent for the purpose of distributing decorations and money among the troops. He was accompanied by a Turkish officer, who has just returned from the front. Together with German officers the Minister of War inspected the lines of defense and field fortifications between Angora and Konia, where the Turks are organizing their chief defenses against an eventual Russian advance toward the west.

Meanwhile the Germans continue their systematic depletion of the country. They are exporting regularly from Asia Minor not only live stock and wheat, but also cotton wool, which is urgently needed by the army. The Germans are also exporting from the country all the gold and silver they can get their hands on. The German exodus of the inhabitants from towns and villages which are not immediately threatened by the Russians is being hastened by the inhabitants and cattle left behind by the inhabitants in their hasty flight.

Keep Enver Pasha in Sight.

Since Enver Pasha is held responsible for the war and the loss of the Turkish Empire, both the Sultan and the most prominent Turkish statesmen insist that he should assume command of all the armies in Armenia, Anatolia and Syria, and the German forces should be kept out of their sight, as they consider his presence at Constantinople indispensable for their protection in case of a military revolution. Although Enver Pasha has lost much of his power and influence he is still the most hated man in Turkey, and in case of a revolution the Germans would not hesitate to sacrifice him in order to gain time and escape themselves.

There are more than 5,000 German policemen at Constantinople and a detachment of German troops. All German civilians are armed and trained to defend the German Embassy, where all Germans are to assemble in case of danger. A revolt against the Sultan is not likely to occur suddenly and unexpectedly, as the Germans have organized an admirable system of espionage and are warned of danger in plenty of time. Besides, the household troops of the Sultan are loyal and can be relied upon in any case, so that even if a revolutionary outbreak occurs the Germans are not likely to be the victims, as they will have ample opportunity to escape.

AMERICAN CARS HARD HIT.

English Owners Can't Import Spare Parts to Replace Old Ones.

LONDON, April 4.—A correspondent who is thoroughly conversant with the motor car business sends an interesting communication to the Manchester Guardian with reference to the new regulations for the importation of motor cars into England. The regulation affects in practice only American cars and repair parts. Practically no new cars are to be brought into the present time except American cars, and as the standardized self-starting American cars are the simplest for an amateur to work a motor car or a car for a traveler who wants a car naturally prefers in these times to buy an American machine. It seems remarkable that not even a limited import is permitted.

There are thousands of American cars in use in this country by doctors and professional men, commercial travelers, military officers and others with a good reason for having a car. Apparently, under the new regulation, as soon as these cars need repair parts they will have to be laid up, since spare parts cannot be imported, and it is quite impossible to get spare parts manufactured in this country at the present time.

ALLIES RENEW PACT TO STAND TOGETHER

Perfect Unity Prevails in Historic Conference of Eight Nations.

THREE RACES IN ACCORD

Special Correspondence to THE SUN.
PARIS, March 30.—The secrets of the historic conference which has just concluded its labors within the walls of the Quai d'Orsay have been well kept. No important detail of what happened has been allowed to leak out. But it is believed both here and in London that the representatives of eight nations have achieved perfect unity of military initiative and economic understanding.

The representatives of eight nations have recorded their determination to pursue the struggle until the victory of their common cause has been accomplished. The Englishman, the Latin and the Slav have, after many centuries, agreed to sink their differences in a cause too great to allow of any merely racial prejudice, and the fact will be manifest that these widely different races have unanimously shouldered the huge cost of the war without hesitation, giving and receiving help against a common foe. Any hope entertained by Germany that the tremendous and prolonged stress of the war would avail to estrange the Allies has been definitely quashed.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the conference:

1. The representatives of the Allied Governments assembled in Paris on the 27th and 28th of March, 1916, affirm the entire community of views and solidarity of the Allies. They confirm all the measures taken to realize unity of action and unity of front.
2. This they mean at once military unity of action as assured by the agreement concluded between the General Staffs, economic unity of action, the organization of which has been settled at the present conference, and diplomatic unity of action, which is guaranteed by their unshakable determination to pursue the struggle to the victory and to unify the economic action to be exercised in order to prevent supplies from reaching the enemy. The conference decides to establish in Paris a permanent committee upon which all the Allies will be represented.
3. With a view to strengthening, coordinating and unifying the economic action to be exercised in order to prevent supplies from reaching the enemy, the conference decides to establish in Paris a permanent committee upon which all the Allies will be represented.
4. The conference decides:

- (a) To continue the organization begun in London of a central bureau of freight;
- (b) To take common action with the shortest possible delay, with a view to discovering the practical methods to be employed for equitably distributing between the allied nations the burdens resulting from maritime transport and for putting a stop to the rise in freight.

At the close of the proceedings M. Briand, the president of the conference, said that on behalf of the whole assembly he wished to pay a well deserved tribute of admiration to the soldiers of the allied nations, who were fighting with such heroism for the triumph of liberty and right. M. Briand emphasized the ease with which the various questions submitted to the deliberations of the conference had been settled, and said the happy results of this first meeting bore testimony to the perfect understanding and fullness of the conference. If new questions arose necessitating a joint deliberation the allied governments would certainly think the best way to settle them would be to meet again.

The impression left on the minds of the British members of the Paris conference is that the material results of the meeting will be far reaching and immediate, especially as regards the coordination of plans for common future action, thus avoiding delay or friction. It is thought that, perhaps, the greatest good resulting from the meeting is the fact that the military, naval and political heads of all the allied powers have been brought into close contact with one another, and outside the official discussions have had a chance to discuss subjects of common interest in a way hitherto impossible. Nothing is more significant than the declaration that the earnest desire shown by the representatives of all the allied nations represented to subordinate any purely national and private interests to the common object—full and final defeat of the enemy.

The newspapers, commenting on the resolutions, agree that the conference marks the foundation of an intimate and lasting alliance among the eight nations who have taken part in it and a unity of diplomatic action to which they are solemnly bound. It signifies not only specific satisfaction of the Paris conference, but also a determination on the part of the Allies to conduct all negotiations with neutrals as one and the same power. M. Pichon, in the Paris Journal, says:

"The conference terminated with a declaration of principles which stipulates for unity of action by the allied countries in military, economic and diplomatic affairs. The terms in which the declarations are drawn up correspond to evident needs. The consequence must be joint action by the General Staffs and Governments of the allied countries with the threefold aim of defeating the enemy, utilizing for the benefit of all the Allies the economic resources of each one of them and preventing the revictualing of the peoples, stranded under the domination of Germany."

"The Gaudios:
The value of the conference and its results is enhanced by the fact that at this very hour the German army is exhausting themselves in a desperate and vain effort against our defenses at Verdun and the German Emperor, a month ago flattered himself that he would dictate peace to the Allies in the very place where they are preparing for victory."

M. Pichon, in the Paris Journal, says:
"The lesson taught us by the conference may be summed up in these words: Germany will not know defeat until she is attacked on all fronts and all theatres of war at once by the allied arms, by a remorseless blockade and by a relentless economic struggle. Then, however, the defeat of this monstrous nation will be certain and European life will be reestablished. The resolutions of the Allies therefore clearly mark the second phase of the war, the phase of coordination in place of isolated efforts."

STRATFORD OBSERVES DAY THOUGH MANY ARE AT WAR

Shakespeare's Birthplace Sent More Men to the Front, Proportionately, Than Any Other British Community—Plans for Celebration.

Special Correspondence to THE SUN.
STRATFORD-ON-AVON, March 30.—"I like to think that the spirit of Shakespeare still lives in his native town; I believe it does. The people here are brought up to feel that their duty is to give to their country, not merely to get what they can out of it, and they have shown the effect of this upbringing ever since the war began."

The speaker was the Mayor of this town, the world famous Warwickshire village where lived William Shakespeare, Stratford's Chief Magistrate is A. E. Flower, one of the town's most substantial citizens and son of a family whose members have been among the most generous votaries at the shrine of the bard. He referred, with true civic pride, to the part which Stratford is taking in the war.

Had it not been for the war it is safe to say that Stratford next month, on the occasion of the Shakespeare tercentenary, would have been the scene of one of the most remarkable series of commemorative ceremonies ever held in this country. Every one of the nations of the world already has paid homage to Shakespeare by presenting its flag to Stratford to be unfurled in connection with the annual celebration of the poet's birthday, and every one of them certainly would have been represented at what was intended to be the greatest festival ever attempted in his honor. "Even the Kaiser's players probably would have been among the actors appearing at the Memorial Theatre," commented the Mayor somewhat facetiously.

Plans on Foot for Years.
For several years preparations for celebrating the Shakespeare tercentenary have been going on here. I was shown one of the results yesterday at New Place, the museum which now stands next to all that remains of the foundations of the house in which the bard died. This consists of a beautiful collection of heraldic "surroundings" and banners made entirely by women in the district during the last few years.

Unbrothered in silk on rich cloth, they represent the arms of every one of the knights mentioned in Shakespeare's plays, thirty-two in all, beginning with St. George of England and ending with Eleanor Duchess of Somerset, the heiress of Richard the Lionheart. The knights were to have been worn and carried in the great pageant which was to have been a feature of the tercentenary festivities.

"The war has made hay of all our plans," said the Mayor, "the last straw being the calling up of the first group of married men on May 7, because three months earlier than had been expected. We have arranged with F. R. Benson for a cycle of Shakespearean performances beginning on April 23, and the ideal programme for this commemoration would have been a series of the historical plays, done in chronological order. But those plans, to have their proper effect, should be acted largely by young men, and not only are young men scarce now but no one likes to see them doing anything else than shouldering a rifle. Moreover, now that the call to the married men has come, no one knows even what actors Mr. Benson will be able to bring with him. On May 15, the last day before the festival, we are to have an 'all star' performance, at which H. B. Irving, Sir George Alexander, Oscar Asche and others will appear in scenes from the plays."

Although in the remainder of the churches of Great Britain the birthday of flowers will be kept, the fact that the birthday of Shakespeare falls on the same date. Here, however, we shall hold our birthday ceremony at Holy Trinity, where Shakespeare is buried, on Sunday afternoon and shall have the Dean of Salisbury with us.

"We shall have the usual procession to the church," the Mayor went on, "but whether the usual accompanying flag ceremony will be carried out is doubtful."

In the market place is the beautiful memorial fountain that was given to Stratford by George W. Childs of Philadelphia in the year of Queen Victoria's jubilee, and unveiled by Sir Henry Doulton. In Shakespeare's church on the two fine "American windows," the one purchased with \$250 (\$1,250) subscribed by American visitors, and representing, with Bible characters, the "seven ages of man" from "As You Like It" and the other, known as the "South window," bought with other contributions from pilgrims from the United States.

SAYS GERMANS ARE ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

Portuguese Minister at Berlin Declares People Oppose Government Policy.

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LONDON, April 4.—Dr. Sidonio Pais, late Portuguese Minister at Berlin, returned to Lisbon on March 29. Interviewed by the newspaper A Luta he made many interesting statements relating to the present situation in Germany.

"Do you think that Germany can do us any great harm?" Dr. Pais was asked.

"I am convinced that the Germans will carry on the war with us in any and every way possible to them," he replied. "It is a fact that Germany is faced with the very highest cost of the war. Up to the present there is no lack of men. What they are doing, however, is to modify the battle fronts and so economize soldiers."

"What is the public opinion respecting German international policy?"

"Absolutely hostile to the policy recently adopted by the Wilhelmstrasse," he said. "The public opinion of the French, the British, the United States and Russia is unanimous. America has already had grave reasons for a breach with Germany. The German attitude toward the United States is a very serious one. When I entered France I at once noted a magnificent French, but very badly, for the very highest cost of the war. Up to the present there is no lack of men. What they are doing, however, is to modify the battle fronts and so economize soldiers."

"The economic situation is very bad, and tends to become worse. In April available butter and fats have almost disappeared from the market, potatoes are sold only in small quantities to the people, meat is available only twice a week and the importation of articles of luxury has long been prohibited. This does not cause anxiety. The bank rate has fallen because everybody instead of withdrawing money has made fresh deposits. This for another two years the financial position does not present great difficulties. There is only one line of life which has not been altered, and that is with respect to cafes, cinematographs, theatres and other amusements. In this respect the life is just the same as before the war."

"The war should not last longer than 1917, but for this it is necessary that all the belligerents can count on sufficient resources."

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